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**In re Patent Application of**

Olle CARLBARK et al.

**Application No.: 09/529,638**

**Filed: June 5, 2000**

**For: WAIST BELT FOR ABSORBENT  
GARMENTS**

**Group Art Unit: 3761**

**Examiner: Unassigned**

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents**  
**Washington, D.C. 20231**

**Sir:**

Enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying form PTO-1449 for the above-identified patent application.

- ☒ No additional fee for submission of an IDS is required.
- ☐ The fee of \$240.00 (126) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is also enclosed.
- ☐ A certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is also enclosed.
- ☐ A certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), a petition requesting consideration of the information disclosure statement, and the petition fee of \$130.00 (122) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) are also enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation that a prior art search has been made.

In addition, the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that each of the references submitted herewith is in fact prior art with respect to the present application, or that each of the references is considered to be material to patentability as defined in § 1.56(b).

The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing and before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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- ☐ Amendment or Response
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- ☐ Reply Transmittal Letter
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- ☐ Submission of Formal Drawings w/ \_ sheet(s) of drawings (Fig(s). 1- \_)
- ☐ Request for Approval of Drawing Changes w/ \_ sheet(s) of red ink drawings
- ☐ Notice of Appeal
- ☐ Brief for Appellant
- ☐ Request for Oral Hearing
- ☐ Reply Brief
- ☐ Response to Restriction Requirement or Election of Species
- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer

- ☐ Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)
- ☐ Transmittal Letter for Missing Parts of Application
- ☐ Executed Declaration/Power of Attorney
- ☐ Small Entity Declaration
- ☐ Assignment/Assignment Recordation Form Cover Sheet (PTO-1595)
- ☒ Claim for Convention Priority w/ \_ certified copy(s)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement w/ 8 document(s)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Citation (PTO-1449)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement Transmittal Letter
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- ☐ Request for Continued Examination

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